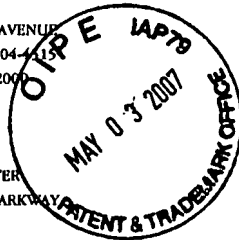


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Applicant hereby asserts that it is entitled to small entity status.

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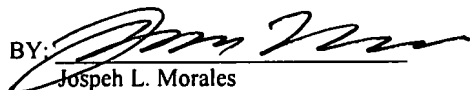
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Honorable Commissioner:

This is a Preliminary Amendment filed as agreed with the Examiner during a telephone interview taking place on May 3, 2007. While it is believed that no additional extension of time or any other additional fees are necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to grant any needed extension of time and to charge any additional fees which may be required for this Response, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1479.

Amendments to the **Claims** are reflected in the **Listing of Claims** which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Entry of the Amendment below is respectfully requested.